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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: SHUM, KS, US

SUBJ: HUMAN RIGHTS

1. I HAVE BECOME INCREASINGLY CONCERNED REGARDING THE LACK OF RECENT PROGRESS ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND FAILURE OF THE ROKG TO RELEASE POLITICAL PRISONERS SINCE AUGUST 15. THEREFORE, I HAVE RAISED THIS ISSUE WITH KEY OFFICIALS INCLUDING PRESIDENTIAL SECRETARY GENERAL KIM CHONG-YOM, A SENIOR KCIA OFFICIAL FOR PASSAGE OF MESSAGE TO KCIA DIRECTOR KIM, AND SPEAKER OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY CHUNG IL-KWON.

2. I HAVE GOTTEN FROM MOST OF THESE OFFICIALS STANDARD RESPONSE REGARDING REPENTANCE, ETC., WHICH WAS WHAT I EXPECTED.

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NEVERTHELESS, I FELT IT NECESSARY TO REGISTER PRIVATELY OUR CONCERNS ON THIS QUESTION AND WILL CONTINUE TO DO SO.

3. MY ASSESSMENT IS THAT TONGSUN PARK QUESTION HAS PROBABLY TIPPED THE BALANCE RIGHT NOW AGAINST "CONCESSIONS" TO US ON PRISONER RELEASE. NEVERTHELESS, ALL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS FROM PRESIDENT PARK ON DOWN HAVE

DELIBERATELY KEPT DOOR OPEN AND WE WILL CONTINUE OUR EFFORTS.
SNEIDER. UNQUOTE CHRISTOPHER

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